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The House met at 10 a.m.

### PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

In this brief moment of quiet, O gracious God, direct our hearts and minds to those themes that are at the center of our stewardship. We pray that we will be worthy of the high calling to public service by serving people with honesty and courage and by committing ourselves to the virtues of justice and peace and reconciliation. May our eyes not only be focused on what must be done in the coming hour or the day, but may our vision also grasp the great responsibilities to which we have been called. May we ever heed the words of Your prophet Amos: "Let justice flow down like waters and righteousness like an everflowing stream." Amen.

### THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. KILDEE] come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance?

Mr. KILDEE led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was commu-

nicated to the House by Mr. Edwin Thomas, one of his secretaries.

### ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair announces that there will be 10 1-minutes on each side.

### REPUBLICAN CONTRACT WITH AMERICA

(Mr. HOKE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HOKE. Mr. Speaker, our Contract With America states the following:

On the first day of Congress, a Republican House will require Congress to live under the same laws as everyone else; cut committee staffs by one-third; and cut the congressional budget.

We kept our promise.

It continues that in the first 100 days, we will vote on the following items: A balanced budget amendment—we kept our promise; unfunded mandates legislation—we kept our promise; line-item veto—we kept our promise; a new crime package to stop violent criminals—we kept our promise; national security restoration to protect our freedoms—we kept our promise; government regulatory reform—we kept our promise; commonsense legal reform to end frivolous lawsuits—we are doing this now; welfare reform to encourage work, not dependence; family reinforcement to crack down on deadbeat dads and protect our children; tax cuts for middle-income families; senior citizens' equity act to allow our seniors to work without government penalty; and congressional term limits to make Congress a citizen legislature.

Mr. Speaker, this is also a contract with our Founders for our future.

This is our Contract With America.

### INFANT FORMULA AND THE WIC PROGRAM

(Mr. KILDEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. KILDEE. Mr. Speaker, in the debate about child nutrition in the Committee on Economic and Educational Opportunities we witnessed the triumph of ideology over practical public policy and the best interests of our children.

The Republicans, who espouse a free-market economy, recently rejected my amendment to require States to use competitive bidding when purchasing infant formula for the WIC Program.

Only one Republican had the courage to vote for my amendment.

The only winners from this action are the big three infant formula companies. The losers are pregnant women and infants, many of whom will suffer from malnutrition or anemia, and the taxpayers who will get less efficient use of their tax dollars.

Some would say that the States will continue to use competitive bidding. I would point out that fewer than half the States used competitive bidding prior to passage of the 1989 Federal law that required them to do so. When this amendment was adopted we found that it saved over \$1 billion a year and enabled us to serve 1½ million more pregnant women and infants a month. The committee voted to drop this requirement.

Weakening cost containment measures will mean a less efficient, less effective program that gives taxpayers less return for their dollars but helps the three infant formula companies improve their balance sheets.

Mr. Speaker, this program was designed to help poor women and children, not a few

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